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Put into four pounds of clear water, one ounce of pure curd-soap grated, and dissolved in a well glazed earthen vessel. Then add one ounce of white bees-wax, cut into thin slices; as soon as the whole is incorporated it is fit for use. Having well dried the figure before the fire, suspend it by a twine, and dip it once in the varnish; upon taking it out, the moisture will appear to have been absorbed; in two minutes' time, stir the compost, and dip it a second time, and this generally suffices. Cover it carefully from the dust for a week; then with a soft muslin rag, or cotton wool, rub the figure gently, when a most brilliant gloss will be produced.

Excellent method of taking off Impressions of Leaves, Plants, &c.

Take fine wove paper, which oil well with sweet oil; let it stand a minute or two to soak through, then remove the superfluous oil with a piece of paper, and hang it in the air to dry; when the oil is pretty well dried in, take a lighted candle or lamp, and move the paper slowly over it in an horizontal direction, so as to touch the flame, till it is perfectly black. When you wish to take off impressions of plants, lay your plant carefully on the oiled paper, and a piece of clean paper over it, and rub it with your finger equally in

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